

Please substitute paragraph [0023], with the following paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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[0023] As illustrated in Figs. 2 and 4, a face 20 of the connector 16 on top of the mount 1 has one or more holes or slots 18, which receive bayonets 23 located on a mounting surface 24 of the crowning ornament 26 in a bayonet-style coupling. Of course, other alternatives for securing the ornament to the connector can be provided.--

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[0024] The connector 16 also preferably includes indentations 28 on its face 20 each for engaging a biasing leaf 22 extending from the mounting surface 24 of the crowning ornament 26. The leaf 22 includes a protrusion 25 which interfits within the indentation 28 when the crowning ornament 26 is fully rotated with respect to the fitting head 10. This action confirms that the bayonet coupling is complete and secure.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2, 8 and 11 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the information recited therein. Please amend Claims 1, 6, and 9 as shown below. A marked-up version Claims 1, 6, and 9, showing the changes made thereto, is attached. Please note that all claims currently pending in this application are reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience regardless of whether the claim is being amended.

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1. (Amended) A tree-top mounting device, comprising:

- a housing;
- an elongated support slidably received within said housing;
- a fitting head disposed at a distal end of said elongated support;
- a fastener adapted to secure said housing to a tree; and